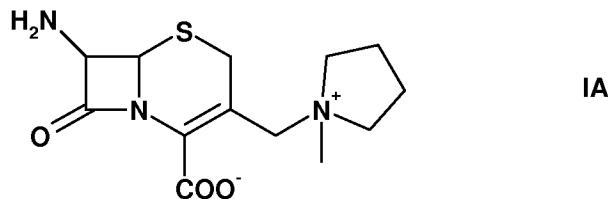


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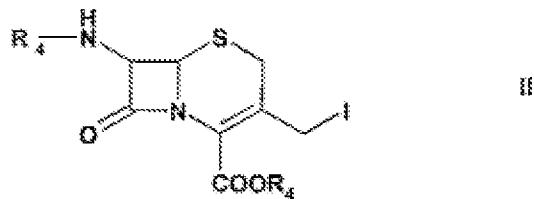
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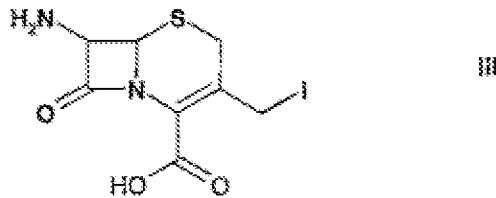


that can be used for the synthesis of cephalosporins, such as cefepime of formula V.

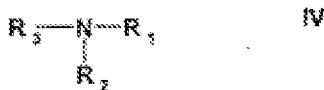
The intermediates of formula IA are produced by desilylation of a compound of formula II



wherein R4 is a silyl-protecting group, with a protic solvent to obtain a compound of formula III,



and reacting the compound of formula III with an organic base of formula IV



wherein R2 and R3 together represent a C4-alkylene group, and with the adjacent nitrogen atom form a saturated 5-membered heterocycle, and R1 represents a methyl group, to obtain the compound of formula 1A.